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CLAIMS WE CLAIM:

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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-5 (cancelled).

Claim 6 (new): A self-curing and/or radiation curing flatted coating system containing a flatting agent comprising a liquid-dimerdial (meth)acrylate with a degree of esterification of at least 50%.

Claim 7 (new): The coating system of claim 6, wherein, the dimerdiol (meth)acrylate has a degree of esterification of at least 80%.

Claim 8 (new): The coating system of claim 6 containing from 1% to 25% by weight of the dimerdial (meth)acrylate.

Claim 9 (new): The coating system of claim 8 further comprising a solid flatting agent.

Claim 10 (new): The coating system of claim 8, wherein, the dimerdiol (meth)acrylate has a degree of esterification of at least 80%.

Claim 11 (new): A process for producing a flatted coating which comprises:

(a) introducing into a self-curing or radiation-curing coating system a liquid dimerdial (meth)acrylate flatting agent with a degree of esterification of at least 50% to form a flatted coating system;

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- (b) applying a coating of the flatted coating system to a substrate; and
- (c) curing the coating.

Claim 12 (new): The process of claim 11, wherein, from 1% to 25% by weight of the dimerdiol (meth)acrylate is added to the coating system based on the weight of the coating system.

Claim 13 (new): The process of claim 11, wherein, the dimerdiol (meth)acrylate has a degree of esterification of at least 80%.

Claim 14 (new): The process of claim 11, wherein, the flatting agent further comprises a solid flatting agent.

Claim 15 (new): The process of claim 12, wherein, the dimerdiol (meth)acrylate has a degree of esterification of at least 80%.

Claim 16 (new): The process of claim 12, wherein the flatting agent further comprises a solid flatting agent.